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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This document is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on September 5, 2006.

REMARKS

Claims 1-45, 62-65, 95-101, 106-113, and 117 are pending in the instant application, and are subject to restriction. The Office Action, on page 2, requires restriction to one of the following groups under 35 U.S.C. §121 and 372:

Group I, claims 1-33, drawn to a method for enhancing a chemical reaction of a molecule.

Group II, claims 34-45 and 62-64, drawn to a method for analysis of a biomolecule.

Group III, claims 65 and 117, drawn to a kit.

Group IV, claims 95-101, drawn to a method of capturing a lipophilic compound.

Group V, claims 106-112, drawn to a method for enhancing surface desorption ionization analysis of a molecule.